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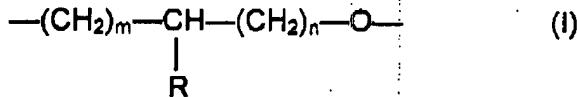
The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Presently Amended) A branched polyacetal resin composition, comprising:
100 parts by weight of a branched polyacetal copolymer (A) having an oxymethylene group as the main repeating unit and having a branching unit represented by the following formula (I), wherein the branched copolymer (A) is the copolymerization reaction product of 100 parts by weight of trioxane (a-1), 0.001 to 10 parts by weight of a monfunctional glycidyl compound (a-2) selected from the group consisting of a glycidyl ether compound represented by the following formulae (II), (III) and (IV), and a glycidyl ester compound, each having a molecular weight of 100 to 1000, and 0.1 to 20 parts by weight of a cyclic ether compound (a-3) which is copolymerizable with trioxane selected from the group consisting of ethylene oxide, 1,3-dioxolan, diethylene glycol formal and 1,4-butanediol formal, and
0.5 to 40 parts by weight of at least one polymer (B) selected from the group consisting of the following polymers (B-1) and (B-2),
polymer (B-1): a graft or block copolymer prepared from an olefin polymer (b-1) (b-1) and at least one vinyl polymer (b-2); and
polymer (B-2): a modified olefin polymer in which an olefin polymer (b-3) is modified with at least one compound selected from the group consisting of an unsaturated carboxylic acid, an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride and derivatives thereof, and/or

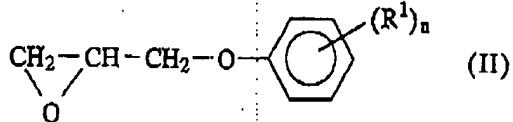
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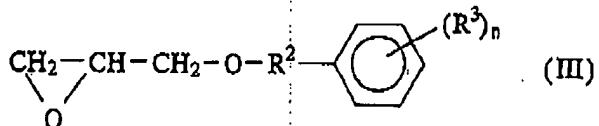
0.1 to 5 parts by weight of a lubricant (C), and wherein
formulae (I)-(IV) are as follows:



wherein m and n each is an integer of 0 to 5; the sum of m + n is 1 to 5;
and R is a monovalent organic group having a number-average
molecular weight of 40 to 1000.



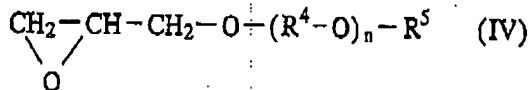
wherein R¹ is a C₁₋₁₂ alkyl group, a substituted alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an aryl group, a substituted aryl group or halogen; and n is an integer of 0 to 5 and, when n is 2 or more, the R¹'s may be the same or different:



wherein R² is a C₁₋₃₀ alkylene group, a substituted alkylene group or a polyalkylene oxide glycol residue; R³ is a C₁₋₁₂ alkyl group, a substituted alkyl group, an alkoxy group, an aryl group, a substituted aryl group or halogen; and n is an integer of 0 to 5 and, when n is 2 or more, the R³'s may be the same or different:

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wherein R^4 is a C_{1-30} alkylene group; n is an integer of 0 to 20; and R^5 is a C_{1-30} alkyl group, a C_{2-20} alkenyl group or an alkynyl group.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Amended) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymer (B-1) is prepared from at least one olefin polymer (b-1) selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene and an ethylene-propylene copolymer, and at least one vinyl polymer (b-2) selected from the group consisting of methyl polymethacrylate, an acrylonitrile-styrene copolymer and polystyrene.

8. (Previously Amended) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymer (B-2) is a modified olefin polymer where 100 parts by weight of the olefin polymer (b-3) is modified with 0.1 to 20 parts by weight of maleic anhydride.

9. (Previously Amended) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymer (B-2) is a modified olefin polymer where at least one olefin polymer (b-3) selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene, an ethylene-propylene copolymer, an ethylene-ethyl acrylate copolymer and an ethylene-methyl acrylate copolymer, is modified.